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- 1. SUMMARY: JAPAN'S DEC INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, WAS UNCHANGED FROM PRIOR MONTH AND PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS DECLINED SLIGHTLY. INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS AND RATIO OF INVENTORIES TO SHIPMENTS BOTH INCREASED. END SUMMARY.
- 2. ACCORDING TO MITI PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES, DEC INDEX OF MINING AND MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, WAS UNCHANGED FROM PRIOR MONTH, FOLLOWING NOV'S HEALTHY INCREASE. EXCLUDING SHIPS, PRODUCTION INDEX INCREASED MODEST 0.1 PERCENT. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED PRODUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY ROSE 3.8 PERCENT FROM PRIORMONTH, PRODUCTION OF PRECISION INSTRUMENTS ROSE 3.5 PERCENT, AND CHEMICALS UNCLASSIFIED

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PRODUCTION ROSE 2.6 PERCENT; ALL THREE INDUSTRIES HAD ALSO ADVANCED IN NOV. ON OTHER HAND, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION DROPPED 4.0 PERCENT.

3. PRELIMINARY INDEX OF PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS IN MINING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, DECLINED 0.6 PERCENT IN DEC AFTER RECORDING LARGE 3.8 PERCENT ADVANCE IN

PREVIOUS MONTH. HOWEVER, EXCLUDING SHIP DELIVERIES, PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS IN MINING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES RECORDED MODEST 0.2 PERCENT INCREASE. SHIPMENTS OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, DECLINED 4 PERCENT IN DEC WHILE SHIPMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT DECLINED 2.8 PERCENT. SHIPMENTS OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY, HOWEVER, INCREASED 4.7 PERCENT, ON TOP OF LARGE 5.6 PERCENT RISE IN PREVIOUS MONTH.

- 4. INDEX OF PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS FOR MINING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, ROSE 2.2 PERCENT FROM PRIOR MONTH. RATIO OF PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS TO SHIPMENTS ROSE 2.8 PERCENT. RATIO OF PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES TO SHIPMENTS EXCLUDING SHIP DELIVERIES ROSE 1.9 PERCENT IN DEC.
- 5. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY MITI DATA ON DEC INDUSTRPAL PRODUCTION INDICES (S.A. 1970 EQUALS 100). NOV REVISED FIGURES PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED REFTEL.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NOV DEC PERCENT INDICES 1970 EQUALS 100 REVISED PRELIMINARY INCREASE

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION:

ALL INDUSTRIES 129.4 129.5 0.1

PUBLIC UTILITIES 149.0 150.0 0.7

MINING & MANUFACTURING 128.9 128.9 0.0

MINING 76.4 74.9 MIN 2.0

MANUFACTURING 129.4 129.4 0.0

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MINING & MANUFACTURING

EXCLUDING SHIPS 128.5 128.6 0.1

PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS:

ALL INDUSTRIES 132.3 131.5 MIN 0.6 MIN ING & MANUFACTURING 131.7 130.9 MIN 0.6 MANUFACTURING 132.0 131.2 MIN 0.6 MINING & MANUFACTURING EXCLUDING SHIPS 130.5 130.8 0.2

PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES

OF FINISHED GOODS

MINING & MANUFACTURING 163.4 167.0 2.2

MINING 57.3 56.6 MIN 1.2

RATIO OF INVENTORY TO

SHIPMENTS 124.1 127.6 2.8

RATIO OF INVENTORY TO SHIPMENTS EXCLUDING

SHIPS 124.3 126.7 1.9

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